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### **Proposed Court Commissioner Courtroom**

1. The Justice Center was designed for 2 Circuit Court Judges and one part-time Court Commissioner.
2. It was completed in 2004 with 2 jury courtrooms and a smaller non-jury courtroom for the Court Commissioner.
3. In 2008 the Wisconsin Legislature added a 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court Judge to handle the high caseload in Barron County.
4. The 3 Circuit Court Judges move from courtroom to courtroom on a daily basis and sometimes multiple times a day to accommodate the types of cases being held.
5. The courts average about 35 days a year (7 work-weeks) when the Family Court Commissioner holds court and there is no courtroom available for one of the Circuit Court Judges.
6. There is space available in the current EOC meeting room to accommodate a small Court Commissioner Courtroom and the proposal has the support of Sheriff Fitzgerald and the 3 Circuit Court Judges.
7. We would like the Property Committee to authorize monies to hire an architect to develop a design and cost estimate.